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BUSINESS STARTS DECREASE 5.0 PERCENT IN APRIL

NEW YORK, May 28--Business starts declined 5.0 percent in April to 19,660 from 20,686 in the same month a year ago, according to The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

"The decline in starts that began in the second half of last year continued into the first quarter of 1987 when starts were 10.1 percent below the year-to-date level in 1986," said Joseph W. Duncan, corporate economist and chief statistician for The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. "By the end of April, however, starts for the first four months of this year were off only 8.8 percent from last year. This indicates a recovery that's attributable to entrepreneurs becoming more familiar with the incentives for new business formation contained in last year's tax reform package."

Seven of the nine U.S. Bureau of the Census regions reported a decline in new business starts in April. The largest decrease was in the oil-producing West South Central region, down 18.8 percent in April to 2,115 from 2,605 a year-ago.

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The second largest decline in starts was in the East North Central region, down 7.0 percent to 2,763 from 2,972 in April 1986. Most of the decline in the region occurred in Ohio and Wisconsin, where starts dropped 20.0 percent and 14.2 percent respectively.

The only region to register an increase in business starts was the Pacific region, up 1.9 percent to 3,215 from 3,154. Starts in the New England region remained unchanged from the 1,143 starts in April 1986.

Trends in business starts in the other regions were as follows: the East South Central states, down 5.6 percent to 997 from 1,056; the Mountain states, down 5.6 percent to 1,292 from 1,368; the Middle Atlantic states, down 4.8 percent to 3,365 from 3,533; the West North Central states, down 2.8 percent to 1,104 from 1,136; and the South Atlantic states, down 1.4 percent to 3,666 from 3,719.

Among individual states, the largest increase in starts was in South Carolina, up 43.8 percent to 253 from 176; followed by Rhode Island, up 27.8 percent to 69 from 54; and Nevada, up 27.7 percent to 106 from 83. The greatest decreases were in West Virginia, down 45.8 percent to 96 from 177; Alaska, down 36.6 percent to 45 from 71; and Vermont, down 31.3 percent to 44 from 64.

From an industry perspective, only three of the nine major industry sectors reported increases and each of those was less than one percent. The agriculture, forestry and fishing sector was up 0.8 percent to 382 from 379; the construction sector also rose 0.8 percent to 2,818 from 2,796; and the finance, insurance and real estate sector increased 0.4 percent to 1,374 from 1,369.

The trends in starts in April for the other sectors were as follows: mining, down 28.4 percent to 101 from 141; manufacturing, down 9.9 percent to 1,521 from 1,688; transportation and public utilities, down 11.0 percent to 636 from 715; wholesale trade, down 12.0 percent to 1,973 from 2,241; retail trade, down 7.4 percent to 5,548 from 5,991; and services, down 6.5 percent to 4,505 from 4,817.

Business starts in April created 91,819 new jobs, a 6.2 percent decline from the 97,849 new jobs created in April 1986.

Dun & Bradstreet's new business starts series supersedes D&B's previous business starts statistical series. It is based on new entries to D&B's commerical credit information file, which currently contains data on more than nine million U.S. firms that account for well over 90 percent of total U.S. employment.

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(See Attached Tabular Data)

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2. Prior year data represent official results; current year data are preliminary and may be revised in subsequent releases.

3. Monthly tabulations are calculated by including data for all weeks in which Friday falls within the particular month. This may result in a differing number of weeks for the same month from year to year.

4. Industry computations are made by using the SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) code assigned by the field data collection staff based on the type of business the company is engaged in. There are some companies for which no SIC code is appropriate. The SIC table as developed and maintained by the U.S. Government recognizes this and includes code 9999 for these establishments. The tabulation for this category appears in the industry tables under the heading of 'Nonclassifiable Establishments'.

5. There are some business starts for which employment information is either unavailable or unobtainable. For statistical purposes these companies are counted as having zero employees and are included as such in appropriate tables.

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U.S. MONTHLY BUSINESS STARTS

Start Month	1986 Starts	1986 Employment	1987 Starts	1987 Employment
January	21,386	104,169	18,021	85,717
February	19,818	93,099	18,691	89,814
March	21,742	102,456	19,864	93,517
April	20,686	97,849	19,660	91,819
	83,632	397,573	76,236	360,867

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Business Starts by Industry
April 1986 vs. April 1987

	Total U.S. April 1986	April 1987	% Change
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	379	382	0.8%
Mining	141	101	-28.4%
Construction	2,796	2,818	0.8%
Manufacturing	1,688	1,521	-9.9%
Transportation & public utilities	715	636	-11.0%
Wholesale trade	2,241	1,973	-12.0%
Retail trade	5,991	5,548	-7.4%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,369	1,374	0.4%
Services	4,817	4,505	-6.5%
Unclassifiable establishments	549	802	
Total	20,686	19,660	-5.0%

Source: The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation, Economic Analysis Department

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Business Starts by States and Regions
April 1986 vs. April 1987

	April 1986		April 1987		% Change	
	Firms	Employees	Firms	Employees	Firms	Employees
NEW ENGLAND	1,143	4,134	1,143	5,888	0.0%	42.4
Maine	94	373	97	683	3.2%	83.1
New Hampshire	113	556	101	512	-10.6%	-7.9
Vermont	64	207	44	128	-31.3%	-38.2
Massachusetts	503	1,898	469	2,481	-6.8%	30.7
Connecticut	315	925	363	1,571	15.2%	69.8
Rhode Island	54	175	69	513	27.8%	193.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	3,533	13,676	3,365	14,057	-4.8%	2.8
New York	1,820	6,379	1,627	7,692	-10.6%	20.6
New Jersey	909	3,881	831	3,048	-8.6%	-21.5
Pennsylvania	804	3,416	907	3,317	12.8%	-2.9
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	2,972	14,097	2,763	11,262	-7.0%	-20.1
Ohio	839	4,187	671	2,945	-20.0%	-29.7
Indiana	340	1,810	312	1,353	-8.2%	-25.2
Illinois	810	3,567	863	3,408	6.5%	-4.5
Michigan	702	2,755	676	2,405	-3.7%	-12.7
Wisconsin	281	1,778	241	1,151	-14.2%	-35.3
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	1,136	6,555	1,104	5,285	-2.8%	-19.4
Minnesota	289	1,593	271	1,375	-6.2%	-13.7
Iowa	134	899	135	441	0.7%	-50.9
Missouri	375	2,079	324	1,621	-13.6%	-22.0
North Dakota	30	236	28	62	-6.7%	-73.7
South Dakota	29	74	37	312	27.6%	321.6
Nebraska	100	681	112	498	12.0%	-26.9
Kansas	179	993	197	976	10.1%	-1.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC	3,719	19,170	3,666	18,326	-1.4%	-4.4
Maryland	393	2,045	481	2,204	22.4%	7.8
Delaware	49	275	55	196	12.2%	-28.7
Washington D.C.	67	323	62	441	-7.5%	36.5
Virginia	499	2,721	450	2,596	-9.8%	-4.6
West Virginia	177	940	96	303	-45.8%	-67.8
North Carolina	358	1,715	450	2,486	25.7%	45.0
South Carolina	176	1,176	253	1,168	43.8%	-0.7
Georgia	556	2,654	591	2,744	6.3%	3.4
Florida	1,444	7,321	1,228	6,188	-15.0%	-15.5

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April 1986 vs. April 1987

	April 1986		April 1987		% Change	
	Firms	Employees	Firms	Employees	Firms	Employees
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	1,056	5,270	997	5,153	-5.6%	-2.2
Kentucky	317	1,634	299	1,127	-5.7%	-31.0
Tennessee	307	1,643	311	1,898	1.3%	15.5
Alabama	275	1,190	238	1,260	-13.5%	5.9
Mississippi	157	803	149	868	-5.1%	8.1
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	2,605	13,600	2,115	12,046	-18.8%	-11.4
Arkansas	159	749	142	779	-10.7%	4.0
Oklahoma	260	1,484	193	1,239	-25.8%	-16.5
Louisiana	390	2,451	308	1,925	-21.0%	-21.5
Texas	1,796	8,916	1,472	8,103	-18.0%	-9.1
MOUNTAIN	1,368	6,824	1,292	6,227	-5.6%	-8.7
Montana	71	228	59	200	-16.9%	-12.3
Idaho	96	344	82	602	-14.6%	75.0
Wyoming	43	154	41	86	-4.7%	-44.2
Colorado	444	2,315	406	2,380	-8.6%	2.8
New Mexico	127	731	95	207	-25.2%	-71.7
Arizona	347	1,771	358	1,571	3.2%	-11.3
Utah	157	867	145	552	-7.6%	-36.3
Nevada	83	414	106	629	27.7%	51.9
PACIFIC	3,154	14,523	3,215	13,575	1.9%	-6.5
Alaska	71	198	45	110	-36.6%	-44.4
Hawaii	78	453	81	352	3.8%	-22.3
Washington	438	1,948	435	1,880	-0.7%	-3.5
Oregon	247	985	227	846	-8.1%	-14.1
California	2,320	10,939	2,427	10,387	4.6%	-5.0
Total U.S.	20,686	97,849	19,660	91,819	-5.0%	-6.2

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U.S. BUSINESS STARTS IN 25 LARGEST CITIES

	April 1986		April 1987	
	Number	Employment	Number	Employment
New York, NY	444	1,805	382	1,812
Chicago, IL	183	944	214	745
Los Angeles, CA	206	835	174	581
Philadelphia, PA	110	493	100	205
Detroit, MI	52	152	56	398
Houston, TX	346	1,651	235	1,755
Baltimore, MD	104	532	116	606
Dallas, TX	194	1,452	160	874
Washington, DC	67	323	62	441
Cleveland, OH	125	478	113	423
Indianapolis, IN	59	487	69	300
Milwaukee, WI	59	354	46	224
San Francisco, CA	77	285	100	383
San Diego, CA	100	598	101	546
San Antonio, TX	117	695	74	599
Boston, MA	55	137	47	515
Memphis, TN	58	385	47	279
St. Louis, MO	87	526	76	288
New Orleans, LA	52	408	39	183
Phoenix, AZ	112	658	106	366
Columbus, OH	58	283	57	237
Seattle, WA	94	545	86	382
Jacksonville, FL	61	181	64	254
Pittsburgh, PA	48	107	71	271
Denver, CO	111	588	111	737
TOTAL 25 CITIES	2,979	14,902	2,706	13,404
BALANCE OF COUNTRY	17,707	82,947	16,954	78,415
TOTAL UNITED STATES	20,686	97,849	19,660	91,819

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U.S. BUSINESS STARTS BY SIZE OF EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRY

	April 1986		April 1987	
	Number	Employment	Number	Employment
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, & FISHING...	379	823	382	816
2 Or Less...	280	141	295	141
3 To 5...	62	238	46	153
6 To 10...	25	180	26	203
11 To 20...	8	110	9	132
21 Or More...	4	154	6	187
MINING...	141	1,032	101	768
2 Or Less...	73	54	57	36
3 To 5...	35	128	12	48
6 To 10...	12	96	8	56
11 To 20...	7	93	16	251
21 Or More...	14	661	8	377
CONSTRUCTION...	2,796	8,458	2,818	8,616
2 Or Less...	1,920	1,402	1,946	1,226
3 To 5...	478	1,801	492	1,843
6 To 10...	243	1,838	220	1,672
11 To 20...	114	1,651	110	1,704
21 Or More...	41	1,766	50	2,171
MANUFACTURING...	1,688	14,047	1,521	13,329
2 Or Less...	692	601	655	501
3 To 5...	433	1,656	375	1,453
6 To 10...	285	2,179	228	1,720
11 To 20...	142	2,121	131	1,866
21 Or More...	136	7,490	132	7,789
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES..	715	4,134	636	4,981
2 Or Less...	360	266	308	199
3 To 5...	171	649	150	589
6 To 10...	100	728	83	616
11 To 20...	44	686	44	674
21 Or More...	40	1,805	51	2,903
WHOLESALE TRADE...	2,241	8,969	1,973	9,206
2 Or Less...	1,078	1,083	973	960
3 To 5...	739	2,781	615	2,334
6 To 10...	294	2,131	248	1,840
11 To 20...	92	1,297	74	1,038
21 Or More...	38	1,677	63	3,034
RETAIL TRADE...	5,991	29,876	5,548	26,040
2 Or Less...	3,173	3,189	3,137	2,867
3 To 5...	1,628	6,115	1,429	5,361
6 To 10...	654	4,871	523	3,918
11 To 20...	274	4,081	241	3,547
21 Or More...	262	11,620	218	10,347

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U.S. BUSINESS STARTS BY SIZE OF EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRY

	April 1986		April 1987	
	Number	Employment	Number	Employment
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE..	1,369	8,281	1,374	6,683
2 Or Less.....	694	486	805	548
3 To 5.....	354	1,341	293	1,107
6 To 10.....	159	1,189	144	1,070
11 To 20.....	76	1,123	78	1,117
21 Or More.....	86	4,142	54	2,841
SERVICES.....	4,817	21,907	4,505	21,115
2 Or Less.....	2,765	2,094	2,672	1,962
3 To 5.....	1,145	4,349	936	3,528
6 To 10.....	526	3,913	520	3,883
11 To 20.....	200	2,882	211	3,110
21 Or More.....	181	8,669	166	8,632
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.....	27	322	23	265
2 Or Less.....	12	3	12	4
3 To 5.....	5	19	7	26
6 To 10.....	2	13	1	6
11 To 20.....	3	41	1	16
21 Or More.....	5	246	2	213
NONCLASSIFIABLE ESTABLISHMENTS.....	522	0	779	0
2 Or Less.....	522	0	779	0
3 To 5.....	0	0	0	0
6 To 10.....	0	0	0	0
11 To 20.....	0	0	0	0
21 Or More.....	0	0	0	0
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....20,686		97,849	19,660	91,819
2 Or Less.....11,569		9,319	11,639	8,444
3 To 5.....	5,050	19,077	4,355	16,442
6 To 10.....	2,300	17,138	2,001	14,984
11 To 20.....	960	14,085	915	13,455
21 Or More.....	807	38,230	750	38,494

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U.S. BUSINESS STARTS BY INDUSTRY

	April 1986		April 1987	
	Number	Employment	Number	Employment
AGRICULTURE/FORESTRY/FISHING				
Agricultural Production-Crops....	94	197	110	196
Agricultural Production-Livestock	52	110	31	112
Agricultural Services.....	220	480	231	465
Forestry.....	7	24	5	3
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping.....	6	12	5	40
TOTAL AGRICULTURE/FORESTRY/FISHING.	379	823	382	816
MINING				
Metal Mining.....	4	62	2	39
Anthracite Mining.....	1	0	0	0
Bituminous Coal/Lignite Mining...	19	249	18	151
Oil & Gas Extraction.....	108	491	72	433
Nonmet. Mineral Mining Xcpt Fuel.	9	230	9	145
TOTAL MINING.....	141	1,032	101	768
CONSTRUCTION				
Gen. Contractors/Oper. Builders..	1,063	2,837	1,092	2,754
Construction Other Than Buildings	153	1,190	134	697
Special Trade Contractors.....	1,580	4,431	1,592	5,165
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION.....	2,796	8,458	2,818	8,616
MANUFACTURING				
Food & Kindred Products.....	69	406	70	905
Tobacco Manufacturers.....	0	0	0	0
Textile Mill Products.....	47	283	38	637
Apparel & Other Textile Products.	122	837	118	1,155
Lumber & Wood Products.....	128	1,005	109	614
Furniture & Fixtures.....	74	550	69	1,158
Paper & Allied Products.....	22	462	21	196
Printing & Publishing.....	232	1,081	237	1,495
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	54	664	44	737
Petroleum Refining.....	9	84	12	50
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products..	71	1,333	60	422
Leather & Leather Products.....	13	55	9	125
Stone/Clay/Glass Products.....	70	657	63	385
Primary Metal Industries.....	29	522	32	539
Fabricated Metal Products.....	129	1,560	109	949
Machinery Xcpt Electrical.....	266	1,829	202	1,459
Electrical/Electronic Equipment..	124	1,526	94	1,256
Transportation Equipment.....	59	344	57	396
Instruments & Related Products...	64	394	60	342
Misc. Manufacturing Industries...	106	455	117	509
TOTAL MANUFACTURING.....	1,688	14,047	1,521	13,329
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES				
Railroad Transportation.....	4	2	0	0
Local/Interurban Pass. Trans.....	42	267	49	310
Trucking & Warehousing.....	303	1,619	268	2,212
U.S. Postal Service.....	0	0	0	0
Water Transportation.....	48	194	38	166
Air Transportation.....	35	166	29	208
Pipelines Xcpt Natural Gas.....	2	6	0	0
Transportation Services.....	182	939	143	1,080
Communication.....	65	805	77	690
Electric/Gas/Sanitary Services...	34	136	32	315
TOTAL TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES....	715	4,134	636	4,983

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U.S. BUSINESS STARTS BY INDUSTRY

	April 1986		April 1987	
	Number	Employment	Number	Employment
WHOLESALE TRADE				
Durable Goods				
Motor Vehicles/Automotive Equip..	121	390	118	948
Furniture & Home Furnishings.....	102	340	85	481
Lumber & Construction Materials..	117	650	114	610
Sporting Goods/Toys/Hobby Goods..	56	196	45	234
Metals & Minerals Xcpt Petroleum.	61	337	43	157
Electrical Goods.....	205	977	133	688
Hardware/Plumbing/Heating Equip..	71	240	92	472
Machinery Equipment & Supplies...	524	1,915	473	2,264
Miscellaneous Durable Goods.....	165	694	167	701
Total Durable Goods.....	1,422	5,739	1,270	6,555
Non-Durable Goods				
Paper & Paper Products.....	75	222	67	173
Drugs, Proprietors & Sundries....	30	119	28	97
Apparel/Piece Goods/Notions.....	162	749	131	569
Groceries & Related Products.....	192	887	177	632
Farm Product Raw Materials.....	20	103	9	42
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	44	121	35	181
Petroleum & Petroleum Products...	29	124	23	103
Beer, Wine & Distilled Beverages.	18	69	13	66
Miscellaneous Non-Durable Goods..	249	836	220	788
Total Non-Durable Goods.....	819	3,230	703	2,651
TOTAL WHOLESALE TRADE.....	2,241	8,969	1,973	9,206
RETAIL TRADE				
Building Materials/Garden Supply.	315	1,250	284	1,169
General Merchandise Stores.....	107	282	104	468
Food Stores.....	637	3,753	494	2,636
Automotive Dlrs./Service Stations	476	2,928	467	3,168
Apparel & Accessory Stores.....	989	2,951	957	2,760
Furniture/Home Furnishing Stores.	697	2,250	630	1,727
Eating & Drinking Places.....	1,081	11,434	995	9,546
Miscellaneous Retail Trade				
Drug & Proprietary Stores.....	92	437	54	236
Liquor Stores.....	41	129	56	202
Used Merchandise Stores.....	102	202	90	203
Sporting Goods.....	209	545	194	468
Book Stores.....	43	114	45	98
Stationery Stores.....	53	258	48	133
Jewelry Stores.....	105	286	109	265
Hobby, Toy & Game Shops.....	38	94	44	72
Camera/Photographic Supply Stores	11	58	20	64
Gift, Novelty & Souvenir Shops...	251	686	278	661
Luggage & Leather Goods Stores...	11	19	10	19
Sewing/Needlework/Piece Goods....	48	89	41	73
Nonstore Retailers.....	92	336	80	312
Fuel & Ice Dealers.....	24	104	12	46
Other Retail Stores.....	569	1,671	536	1,714
Total Miscellaneous Retail Trade...	1,689	5,028	1,617	4,566
TOTAL RETAIL TRADE.....	5,991	29,876	5,548	26,040

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U.S. BUSINESS STARTS BY INDUSTRY

	April 1986		April 1987	
	Number	Employment	Number	Employment
FINANCE/INSURANCE/REAL ESTATE				
Banking	33	954	35	361
Credit Agencies Xcpt Banks	142	1,268	127	927
Security/Commodity Brokers & Svcs	99	547	93	659
Insurance Carriers	27	265	26	626
Insurance Agents/Brokers & Svcs	99	606	160	681
Real Estate	887	4,069	871	2,961
Comb. Real Estate, Insurance, Etc	1	1	0	0
Holding & Other Investment Off	81	571	62	468
TOTAL FINANCE/INSURANCE/REAL ESTATE	1,369	8,281	1,374	6,683
SERVICES				
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	147	1,968	164	1,544
Personal Services				
Laundry/Cleaning/Garment Services	219	632	155	493
Photographic Portrait Studios	30	119	18	34
Beauty Shops	246	874	174	637
Barber Shops	13	18	22	63
Shoe Repair & Hat Cleaning Shops	22	20	8	10
Funeral Services & Crematories	15	46	10	62
Miscellaneous Personal Services	122	438	113	370
Total Personal Services	667	2,147	500	1,669
Business Services				
Advertising	116	654	119	384
Consumer Credit Rptg./Collection	14	134	10	61
Mail/Reproduction/Steno Services	139	529	159	662
Services To Buildings	118	687	107	458
News Syndicates	2	1	1	0
Personnel Supply Services	64	497	66	389
Computer/Data Processing Services	237	1,221	220	1,679
Miscellaneous Business Services	1,292	5,124	1,233	4,652
Total Business Services	1,982	8,847	1,914	8,483
Automotive Repair/Service/Garages	479	1,445	446	1,621
Miscellaneous Repair Services	333	990	284	724
Motion Picture Services	178	742	161	877
Amusement/Recreation Services	171	1,205	144	832
Health Services	343	2,194	348	3,042
Legal Services	100	387	109	529
Educational Services	49	421	49	239
Social Services	59	378	50	290
Museums, Botan./Zoologic Gardens	3	110	7	10
Membership Organizations	93	246	105	216
Private Households	0	0	3	1
Miscellaneous Services				
Engineering & Architectural Svcs	133	584	135	727
Non-Commercial Research Orgs	5	6	2	30
Acctg./Auditing/Bookkeeping Svcs	62	214	72	214
Other Services	13	23	11	65
Total Miscellaneous Services	213	827	220	1,036
TOTAL SERVICES	4,817	21,907	4 [illegible]	21,115
TOTAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	27	322	23	265
NONCLASSIFIABLE ESTABLISHMENTS	522	0	779	0
TOTAL UNITED STATES	20,686	97,849	19,660	91,819

NOTE: This compilation covers all businesses with a 1987, 1986 or 1985 starting date added to the Dun & Bradstreet business data file in April 1987. It includes newly opened establishments. It does not include changes in ownership of previously operating businesses or changes in name, location, legal type or mergers. Last year's figures are official, this year's are preliminary.

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